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From the Region Chaplain ...

On Memorial Day a wonderful event took place in Southern California. Since 1974, Group 1 of the CAWG has conducted a memorial ceremony at the gravesite of Gill Robb Wilson at Forest Lawn, Covina Hills. As the Civil Air Patrol prepares to observe the 70th Anniversary of its founding, Maj Gen Amy Courter (National Commander) and the Rev. Jill Robb Denison



Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward

Paulson (grand-daughter of Gill Robb Wilson) were among the special dignitaries at this annual event. Over 100 individuals CAP members and friends attended the observance. I could not help but think as I participated in this event that as an organization we keep passing the torch. In her remarks, the Rev. Paulson read a poem written by her grand-father and was read at the dedication of his gravesite and plaque by CAP 44 years prior on Memorial Day weekend. She encouraged all in attendance --- and more specifically the cadets who were there --- to insert their name quietly when the word "somebody" was read:

So long as this is a free world, somebody has to lead.
Somebody has to carry on in word and thought and deed.

Somebody's got to knock on doors which have never known a key;
Somebody's got to see the things that others would never see.

Hotter than thrust when the boost is hit, somebody's faith must burn;
And faster than Mach when the rocket's lit, somebody's mind must turn.

Somebody's got to get the proof for what the long haul plan;
And test the dreams that the prophets dream on behalf of us all.

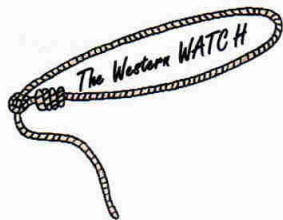
Somebody's got to think of pay in terms far greater than gold
And somebody has to spend one's self to buy what the heavens hold.

Somebody's got to leave the crowd and walk with personal fears alone;
Somebody's got to accept the thorns and weave them into a crown.

It's ever thus that as the ages roll and the record's written clear --
Somebody's has to sacrifice as the cost of each frontier.

Somebody has to take a cross and climb to a rendezvous.
Where a lonesome soul with a will to lead can make the truth shine through.

(Reprinted with permission by the Rev. Jill Robb Denison Paulson)
(From the Region Chaplain continues on the next page)



CONT'D FROM THE REGION CHAPLAIN...



**Maj John Foote, SM (Rev) Jill Robb Denison Paulson, and
Capt Liliana Foote at 2010 National Conference**

A couple of years ago, Maj John Foote (now Group 3 Commander - CAWG) wanted to honor the founder of CAP, Gill Robb Wilson, by establishing an organization named after him (Gill Robb Wilson Award Network http://grwilson.ning.com/?xg_source=msg_mes_network). In doing research, Maj Foote found out that the late Gill Robb Wilson had living family members. In following up on this information, he came in contact with the Rev. Jill Robb Denison Paulson. She, like her grand-father, is a Presbyterian minister. Over the course of time, arrangements were made the Rev. Paulson would be a featured guest and speaker at the 2010 National Conference in San Diego.

It was a delight to meet Rev. Paulson in San Diego and to hear her speak regarding her grandfather and CAP. It was also a delight to watch how she interacted with the CAP membership at large and with the members of the CAP Chaplain Corps. To make a long story short, Rev. Jill Robb Denison Paulson is now a member of CAP and is the process of receiving an appointment as a CAP Chaplain.

Though the event was a tribute to the founder of CAP, Gill Robb Wilson -- a man who had a passion for both ministry and aviation -- it served as a springboard for taking the vision and mission of Civil Air Patrol into its next 70 years of service to our country.

It is my hope and desire that each of us would become a "Somebody".

In Service Together,

Paul

Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward, CAP
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2011 PCR STAFF COLLEGE



Chaplain, Lt Col Tom Miller (NVWG)

Chaplain Miller had the privilege of serving serving as chaplain for the Pacific Staff College at Nellis AFB from March 11 through 01 April. It was his 19th year to serve in this capacity. Chaplain Miller shares the following:

"Nellis is so good to CAP, the courses so educationally sound, and the company company so enjoyable. I had the opportunity to begin the opening session as a challenge to "Know What You Believe and Why You Believe It"

There was no catastrophe this year emotionally or spiritually. Several blest, by God, moments happened to feel God's presence and open heaven's portal to this year's staff and students. All in attendance seemed to appreciate the presence of a

Chaplain and opened up as to family, work, and social problems. It is a real kick to see staff start coming to the Sunday Services these past 2 years, like never before. God is good and greatly to be praised. A feeling of the Divine One's presence and prayer's in anticipation of this year's Staff college were evident.

It is a great joy for this Chaplain to watch friendships form, personalities emerge, and dependency on each other supersede individual actions. All the while students and fellow staffers offered their opinions, thoughts and ideas. The chance to pop in on the seminar discussions is priceless. The satisfaction of providing support to the staff and the region personnel is rewarding. Nearly all the staff felt this year's students came together quickly and bonded. Therefore, I feel proud, privileged, and humbled to have participated in this great event in the lives of our CAP family."



**Lt Col John Erickson, Jr with his seminar group
at Arlington National Cemetery**

**LT COL JOHN ERICKSON, JR
(AKWG)
SERVES AT
2011 CIVIC LEADERSHIP
ACADEMY**

Washington DC

Twenty-four of Civil Air Patrol's top cadets from across the nation gained a head start in their public service careers by participating in one of America's premier civic education activities, the Civic Leadership Academy, from Feb. 26-March 5 in Washington, D.C. Lt Col John Erickson, a CDI from AKWG, served as the Deputy Director and a group facilitator for the event.

CLA, an academically intense, interactive study of U.S. government in action, provides participants the opportunity to grow as citizens and young leaders through lessons in persuasive leadership, federal government, public service careers and American heritage.

"The Civic Leadership Academy provides cadets an unrivaled opportunity to gain a well-rounded understanding of leadership, public service and the principles that guide our nation," said Maj. Gen. Amy S. Courter, CAP's national commander and CLA's founding director. *"The activity empowers them to apply those principles in their lives and to be thoughtful participants in our nation's future."*

In addition to a blend of field trips, lectures, seminars and assigned readings from historic and current sources, the cadets, from 24 CAP wings, visited the U.S. Capitol, the Supreme Court; the State Department; Arlington National Cemetery, laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; the CIA; the Pentagon; the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va.; legislative offices; and the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, as well as the World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Women in Military Service and Lincoln memorials.

They encountered VIP speakers at these locations who will provide insights designed to deepen their understanding of government in action. Their CLA tasks will culminate with a final project – a presentation on their CLA experience to their peers in their home squadrons and wings.

As part of their visit, CLA cadets also participated in CAP's 2011 Legislative Day on March 3. They accompanied their wing commanders and assisted them in briefing Capitol Hill legislators on how CAP's primary missions – emergency services, aerospace education and cadet programs – have benefited their communities.



AROUND THE REGION

**Honoring the Founder of Civil Air Patrol, Rev. Gill Robb Wilson
at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Covina Hills, California
May 30, 2011**



L-R: Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward (PCR HC); Lt Col Charlie Wiest (Master of Ceremonies); Col Larry Myrick (PCR CC); the Rev Jill Robb Denison Paulson (grand-daughter of Gill Robb Wilson); Brig Gen Howard Brookfield (former National, PCR, CAWG CC); Maj Gen Amy Courter (National CC); Col Ernie Pearson (former PCR and CAWG CC); Col Virginia Nelson (former CAWG CC and current PCR Director of Aerospace Education) -- standing behind the gravesite of GRW. The PCR/CAWG Color Guard (Sq 47) is behind the group.





GILL ROBB WILSON RECIPIENTS HONORED BY NATIONAL COMMANDER



At a reception following the Gill Robb Wilson Memorial Observance on May 30th, two members of the CAWG Chaplain Corps were bestowed their Gill Robb Wilson awards by Col Larry Myrick (PCR CC) and Maj Gen Amy Courter (National CC). Majors Karen Nahrstadt and Cathy Neubauer -- both serving as CDIs in March Composite Squadron 45 -- were students at the 2010 National Staff College and completed all the requirements for Level V of the Senior Member Professional Training Program in CAP.

CAWG customarily bestows the awards at their Wing Conference but with Maj Gen Courter and the Rev. Jill Robb Denison Paulson (grand-daughter of Gill Robb Wilson) in attendance for both the Memorial Observance at Forest Lawn (Covina Hills) and the reception, it was a fitting occasion to acknowledge their achievements.



**Major Cathy Neubauer and Major Karen Nahrstadt
With Rev. Jill Robb Denison Paulson**



Note the PCR Chaplain Corps patch with Chaplain Morison at zero gravity

CAP Chaplain makes Zero-G Flight? Who Says Chaplains Don't Have Fun?

Chaplain, Captain, Michael Morison serves the Redwood Empire Composite Squadron 157 in Santa Rosa, California. Chaplain Morison has a master's rating in CAP's aerospace education specialty track. On May 14 he participated in a microgravity flight aboard G-Force One, flown by Zero G Corporation. During the flight he experienced Martian gravity (1/3 ours), lunar gravity (1/6 ours), and zero gravity parabolas. Like Jim Irwin, Apollo 15 lunar walker, and Alan Bean, Apollo 12 lunar walker, he is interested in the human insights and spiritual dimensions of the astronauts experiences in space exploration.

Morison served as the first education supervisor for U.S. Space Camp/Academy in Hunstville, AL. This flight was the pinnacle for the many microgravity simulation activities which he has done. As he after the flight, *"This is the ultimate OMG (Oh, my God) experience on so many levels."* According to Morison it was the ultimate aerospace education experience!





Congratulations to these from WAWG:



PROMOTIONS:

Greg Barker from Maj to Lt Col (WAWG)
Chaplain James Graham from Maj to Lt Col (WAWG)

AWARDS:

Chaplain of the Year - Ch, Maj Dave Franklin
CDI of the Year - Lt Col Greg Barker



http://www.capmembers.com/events/cap_annual_conference/index.cfm



Emergency Services

An USAF evaluated SARX was conducted in the CAWG on the weekend of May 13-15 at the Riverside Airport. Ch, Maj Richard Nelson (Mission Chaplain) and Capt Robert Harris (CISM) participated in this event. Several scenarios based on an earthquake were presented. The CAWG including both the Mission Chaplain and CISM operations received an Excellent rating. Bravo Zulu!!!!



Ch, Maj Franklin Blodgett (AKWG HC)

A TRAGIC EVENT IN ALASKA

Reported by Chaplain, Maj Franklin Blodgett

Nine cadets and some seniors witnessed the fatal crash of a Cessna 180 which killed a family of five: the pilot, his mother, and 3 children. The cadets were on the other side of the runway and the runway and a tree line separated them from the crash site. They didn't know until later that there was five in the plane including three children. The CAP members called emergency responders along with other witnesses.

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"Tragic Event" cont'd

The CAP cadets and seniors were on their way to a glider encampment at Clear AFS (5 hour drive from Birchwood airport). By the time I got to the airport only two seniors and two cadets were still there - everyone else was on the road driving. The cadet encampment leader had sat everyone down and did a little defusing and it appear everyone was doing ok (I was called and I was told that everyone was doing ok and that was probably true at the time). But later I started getting phone calls from one of the cadets (now on the road). I talked to him - prayed with him on the phone etc. Probably ten or twenty minutes later he called back begging me to come up to Clear AFS to talk to the cadets. Approval was given for the flight by the Wing Commander, but no pilots available to fly me with the Memorial Day weekend from Birchwood Squadron.

I called the leaders of the encampment and we set up a Skype meeting at 8pm in a chapel room at the encampment. Every cadet and senior that wanted to talk to the chaplain was given a private session. I ended up doing a one-on-one using Skype with 5 cadets and one senior member. Did some CISM stuff, but mostly what they wanted was chaplain stuff - prayer etc. I did feel that with what the encampment leader did, the phone calls, and the Skype sessions the issue has been defused. (Note: the members were not involved with the actual crash site - but did see the plane fall from the sky and heard the explosion and saw the smoke)

Observations from Chaplain Ward: *What a great ministry Chaplain Blodgett performed to these CAP members. The use of technology is outstanding -- conducting private sessions via Skype was a brilliant idea. We have to remember the distance that is covered in Alaska. Chaplain Blodgett worked with his Wing commander and the Encampment Staff to assure that the CAP members were taken care of. What impressed me was that though Chaplain Blodgett was able to use his CISM training, the basic need was pastoral care. Above all, in times of crisis we perform a "ministry of presence" -- sharing the hope, peace, and strength of God with those in need.*

2012 PCR Chaplain Corps Staff College

DATES: 19-22 March

LOCATION: Joint Base Lewis-McChord
Tacoma, WA

MAJOR EMPHASIS/TRAINING: Compassion Fatigue

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Dan Casey



Start planning now to attend this great event!!!!



ACCESSIBLE

During the 2011 CCRSC the morning meditations were presented by our Wing Chaplains. Each meditation was based on the acrostic C-A-P. In the Spring issue, "Capable" was the theme addressed by Ch, Maj Franklin Blodgett (AKWG HC). We continue in the series of the morning meditations from the 2011 CCRSC. Chaplain, Maj Ralph Camp shared on being "Accessible".



Ch, Major Ralph Camp, NVWG HC

As members of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps, we are to be approachable, easy to be reached, and able to communicate in formal and informal settings. The phrase "ministry of presence" is more than just a phrase found in our publications or spoken in our gatherings. The ministry of presence" is to be a way of life.

In the Gospel of Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus is quoted as saying, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* (NIV)

Jesus had the authority and power to make such a statement. He can and does call us to come to Him all of the time. But as a CAP Chaplain, I don't have the authority or power to make such an invitation to those around me. I can only make myself accessible to others when they want to talk.

I had been a CAP Chaplain for not quite a year when I attended my first SAREX and started training as a Mission Chaplain. One of the first concepts my mentor, Chaplain Elizabeth Tattersall, sought to drill into my thinking and training was the "ministry of presence." That was just over three years ago, and now I believe I can finally say, "I am starting to understand both the concept and its importance to the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps."

As I prepared this devotion, I started thinking about what our traits, attitudes and actions convey to others about our accessibility to them. How do other CAP members perceive us at the unit meeting, at the Incident Command Center, and at social events? Are we viewed as being accessible and welcoming to everyone, or to just a select few, or as nonverbally conveying, "Don't bother me."

As I started to cogitate (a wonderful Hillbilly word) on this, I started thinking in terms of an acrostic. Some individuals are very good at this; I am not one of those individuals. I confess, a couple of my terms are a bit forced. But here is what I believe others must see in us to conclude that we are in fact, accessible.

Available: If I am to be accessible, people must know that I am present and available to be approached. Do the individuals who need to talk to me even know I am present and available to be approached? Matt. 9:10, Jesus was available to common folks, much to the

"Accessible" cont'd



displeasure of the Pharisees.

Comfortable: If I am to be accessible, people must feel comfortable approaching me. Do I convey a welcoming attitude which makes others feel comfortable approaching me? Mt 19:14, Jesus was welcoming to all, especially children, much to the displeasure of His disciples.

Confidant: If I am to be accessible, people must believe their remarks will be kept private. Loose lips sink credibility. Do I have "loose lips, or do I demonstrate that I keep confidential information confidential? I don't know of any passage talking about Jesus keeping information confidential, but it certainly is consistent with His Holiness. But in the interest of good homiletics, I chose not to push the comparisons to the Life of Christ for any more of the traits.

Empathetic: If I am to be accessible, people must have no reason for fear of rejection or ridicule after revealing their concern or hurt, but expect that I will seek to hear their emotion as well as "the facts." Do my responses demonstrate the ability to hear emotion as well as facts?

Sincere: If I am to be accessible, people must believe I am sincere about listening to their situation or issue, with the desire to help in some way if it is within my ability. God made us with two ears, but only one mouth. Does my posture and facial expression convey to the other person that I am being attentive to what is being said to me?

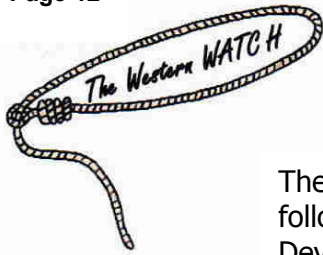
Sensible: If I am to be accessible, people must believe I can give sensible and realistic responses to life situations. In everyday conversations, do I talk to others as if I live in the "here and now," and familiar with the world around me, or do I talk as if I live in another time period or on another planet, with no connection to their world?

Impartial: If I am to be accessible, people must see me as one who treats everyone equally, and hating everyone equally doesn't count. Do I expect one standard of moral behavior from Cadets and new Senior Members, but ignore those same inappropriate actions when committed by senior leaders?

Believable: If I am to be accessible, people must see a connection between what I say and how I act, and must have confidence in what I say as being reliable or relevant information for their situation. Am I honest with myself and admit when I don't know the answer or solution to a situation, and willing to refer that person to someone else who does know, or might know?

Legitimate: If I am to be accessible, people must be confident that I really am a Chaplain in my heart and in my actions, and not just on paper. Is my real endorser my own attitudes and actions as I interact with other CAP members at the unit meetings, at the Incident Command Center, and at social events?

Ethical: In summary, if I am to be accessible, people must see my words and my actions continually embodied in the previous nine traits. Anything less as a Chaplain makes me unethical and inaccessible. Let us make ourselves accessible to our fellow CAP members.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS



These members of the PCR Chaplain Corps attained the following awards in the Senior Member Professional Development Program. We are proud of their accomplishments.



Level 4 – Paul Garber

Capt Robert Harris, CAWG
Maj. Blair F. Rorabaugh, AKWG

On-line CLC & SLS are available! On-line CLC & SLS are open to all eligible candidates who would not otherwise be able to attend in residence. To register for either course click this link which takes you to the On-line Courses & Exams page in CAP University.
http://www.capmembers.com/cap_university/online_courses_exams.cfm

Please note that the primary method of completing CLC & SLS is in residence and the on-line option is primarily for those who cannot attend in residence.



WELCOME ABOARD!!! Ch, Capt Antonio Lopez, CAWG

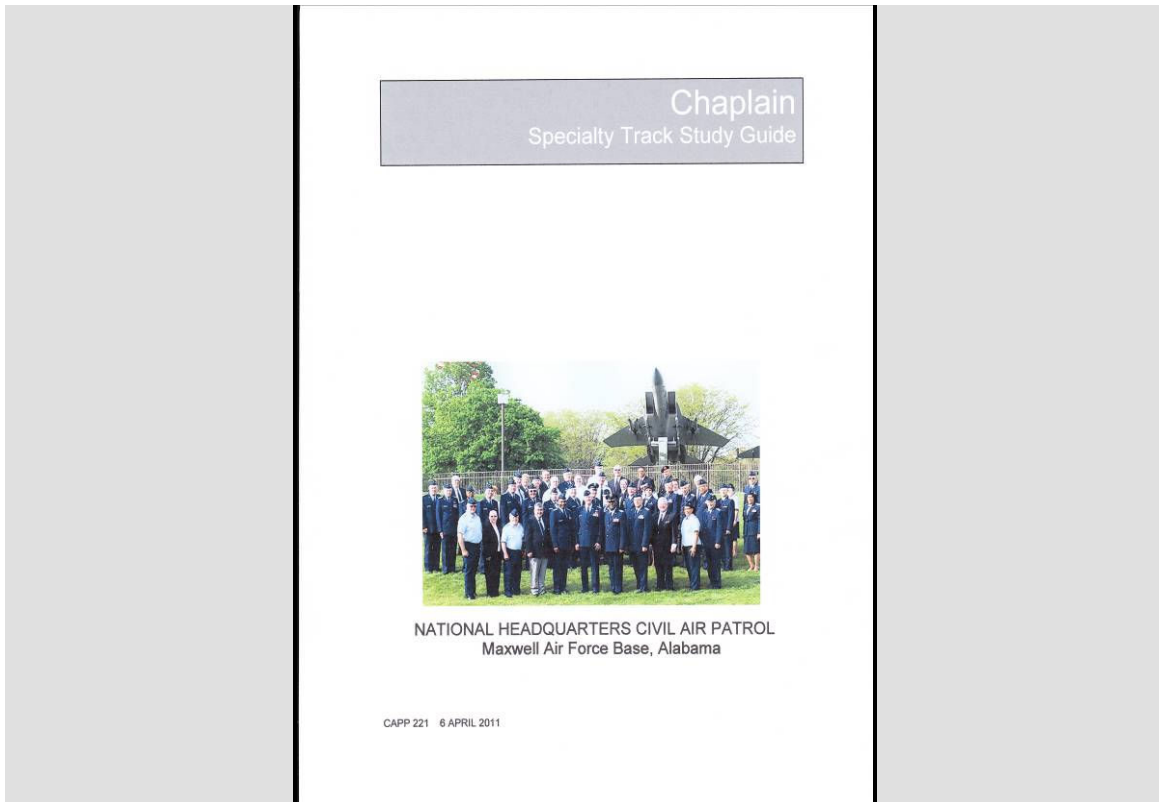


FINAL SALUTE

Capt Kevin Garland (CDI - Sq. 6750, CAWG) was tragically killed in a car accident on May 4th involving a suspected drunk driver. A memorial service was conducted in his honor at Calvary Christian Center, Twin Peaks on May 11th. His life touched so many and his influence will continue to make an impact.

"Blue Skies and Tail Winds"





221 SERIES RELEASED

After nearly 4 years in the process, the Chaplain Specialty Track - 221 has been updated and released. With the assistance of the Professional Development department at National Headquarters, the Chaplains finally have a specialty track that is on the same level as other specialty tracks within the Senior Member Professional Development Program. The publications (221 - Chaplain Specialty Track Specialty Guide; 221A - The CAP Chaplain; 221B - Chaplains Helping Chaplains; 221C - Chaplains Inspiring Chaplains) can be found on the PCR Chaplain Corps web-site: <http://hc.pcr.cap.gov/forms.html>. The tests for the specialty track are taken on-line.

DATES TO REMEMBER.....



July 30-Aug 2 Pacific Region Aerospace Education School

March Air Reserve Base, Riverside CA
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Aug 17-20 2011 CAP National Board, Louisville KY

REMINDER: Form 34s are due by July 5th. Please send a copy to your commander and to your Wing Chaplain. This reporting is an important part of CAP's annual report to Congress.